

THE DRAWING COMMENCES.

Every Possible Precaution Made to Secure a Fair Drawing.

EACH DISTRICT SEPARATELY.

El Reno, July 29.—The Commissioners in charge of the drawing at their first conference made a formal announcement of their plans. Under these a platform was erected in the street upon which the drawing commences this morning in full view of all present.

Envelopes containing the names of all registered applicants were placed in two boxes, one for each land district. These are large enough and so constructed and mounted, as to permit a thorough mixing of the envelopes.

The envelopes containing the names of all who have registered are now, 9 a. m., being brought to the platform in packages consecutively numbered. A corresponding series of numbers will be placed in a receptacle, from which they will be drawn out at random.

The package of envelopes bearing the first number drawn will be the first one to be put in the drawing box, and well distributed, when another number will be drawn and another picking of envelopes distributed, and this course will be continued until all of the envelopes have been placed in the boxes, after which the boxes will be revolved for a sufficient length of time to insure a thorough mixing of the envelopes. These boxes will be so constituted that five men can be employed in the drawing at each one of them and the order in which they will begin at each box will be determined by lot. The first envelope drawn will be number one. Will be at once opened and the identification slip which it contains will be given a corresponding number and the names and residences which appears upon the slip will be publicly announced. This course will be pursued, numbering each envelope and its contents consecutively until twenty-five numbers have been drawn from one box when an equal number will be drawn from the other box in a similar manner.

This course will be pursued until 500 names have been drawn from each box, when, if the committee deem it best to do so, arrangements will be made for drawing simultaneously from each box.

After the names have been drawn and announced they will be recorded and a notice prepared to be mailed to the ones whose names are drawn. The drawing will proceed in this manner until every envelope in both boxes has been drawn out.

El Reno's Rake Off.

El Reno, July 30.—A conservative estimate made by a local banker puts the amount of money left by homeseekers in El Reno during the registration at \$1,400,000. This is \$250 per capita for the population of the town. This banker figures that there have been 140,000 strangers here and that they have left an average of \$10 each, staying two days each and spending \$5 a day.

Explosion in a Tunnel.

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 30.—By an explosion of gas at the new waterworks tunnel eight men were seriously hurt and three narrowly escaped. There was an explosion of fire damp gas in the tunnel when eleven men were working there. Of these three saved themselves by diving into the water on seeing the flames. The other eight were badly injured and the damage to the tunnel was considerable.

After Ticket Brokers.

El Reno, July 29.—The city council passed an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to sell or transfer, or buy a non-transferable ticket to any place on any of the roads running out of the city. A number of people had purchased the tickets and had been taken in by the brokers. The members of the council thought it time to take a hand in the matter and the man who is convicted of infringing on the ordinance will be fined not less than \$50 and imprisoned not less than 30 days.

Proposed Basis.

New York, July 30.—The basis of settlement of the steel strike is a compromise, concessions being made by both sides. The terms, it is understood, will be as follows:

The non-union mills to be continued as such. The strikers to recede from their demands for a signed scale. The steel company to pay same scale in union and non-union mills. All mills to be open to men with or without union cards. The company will permit organization when they desire.

Ten Thousand Women.

El Reno, July 29.—Miss Langton Blackford, of Washington, D. C., a relative of Captain Sawtelle at Fort Reno, was the last person to register at booth No. 2.

It is estimated that 10,000 women have registered for claims at El Reno and 3,500 at Lawton. The number of women alone would take up all of the claims in the reservations; 161 women registered at El Reno, the last day and probably the smallest number at any time during the registration.

AFTERMATH AT EL RENO.

At Greene Promoted—Modoc Sing—Land Office Finished.

El Reno, July 30.—Colonel A. R. Green received notice that he had been promoted to be special inspector for the secretary of the interior. He has held the office of chief of the forestry division. The promotion means more money. The homeseekers now in El Reno from various states organized a procession and paroled the streets. Kansas had 1,500 men in line headed by a half dozen of the famous Modoc Club who sang their songs. The crowd insisted upon their mounting boxes which they did and the singing went on for some time. Speech-making followed, Governor Richards leading off.

The government land office will be ready for occupation in a few days. The workmen are rushing things as fast as possible and the quarters for the clerks, register and receiver will be ready by the time the people begin to file on their lands.

Dried Fruit on Trees.

Kansas City, July 27.—Peaches in orchards around Kansas City are drying up on the trees. Trees are well loaded with the fruit, but for a month the only transition has been for the stone to grow. At present there is nothing between the skin and the stone. Apples are a total failure. At Weston, the Morris-Powers distillery intended making apple-brandy, it was reported the apple crop would be an entire failure, and similar reports come in from Jackson county orchards. Plums have yielded well, but a curious circumstance is that the flavor is sour, even of the sugar plums.

A Paymaster Robbed.

Manila, July 30.—The robbery of the paymaster's safe at Santa Cruz is supposed to be the work of soldiers. It appears that Major Canby who was paying the troops in the Laguna district left the safe in the guard house and that while it was there the thieves succeeded in extracting its contents. Gen. Chaffee has sent the chief of Manila detectives to Santa Cruz to investigate the affair. Chief Paymaster Tower was not apprised of the robbery until informed of it by a representative of the Associated Press.

Ridding Churches of Rumblers.

Richmond, Va., July 29.—The 18th meeting of the Baptist association is in session here, and is grappling with the problem of ridding the churches of liquor dealers who are members. The question came up at the opening session and provoked a warm fight.

The association, two years ago, declared that it would withdraw fellowship from any church retaining in its membership men engaging in the traffic. The oldest church in the state refuses to expel four of the most wealthy members, and prefers to withdraw.

Heavy Rains—Some Hail.

Larned, Kan., July 29.—Pawnee county has been visited by a heavy rain accompanied by a high wind and severe electrical disturbance, leaving the city in total darkness. At 8:35 o'clock p. m., on Friday it was estimated at least an inch of water had fallen within an hour. At Garfield a station eleven miles west of here, two and a half inches of water fell together with a hail storm.

Rock Island Will Build.

Kansas City, July 29.—The Rock Island railroad, which at present uses the Union Pacific tracks between Kansas City and Topeka is reported to have made arrangements to build a line of its own between the two points, the road to be completed within a year.

Six Shots by Crazy Man.

Leavenworth, Kan. July 26.—Michael Kelly, an insane man, at the office of the Robert Garrett Lumber Company, shot six people, killing one, probably fatally wounding another and more or less seriously wounding four others. He was himself finally killed by officers who tried to overpower him.

After a year in the Topeka asylum, Kelly was released. He had been acting queerly again, and had declared that he would kill the five men who had sent him to the asylum.

The Kaiser as Peacemaker.

London, July 30.—The rumor as to early peace negotiations which has pervaded the house of commons for some days has taken the more definite form that Emperor William is soon to assume the role of peacemaker. Mr. Kruger and his advisors are considered willing to take the initiative in order to popularize his relations with the German people, who disapprove his friendship for Great Britain. Something is on foot, whether Emperor William is in it or not.

Total Number 167,006.

El Reno, July 29.—The total number of homeseekers registered at El Reno and Lawton is 167,006. This will give about one chance in thirteen for securing a farm in the reservations; 3,550 persons registered at El Reno Friday, the smallest number any day of the registration. The registration at Lawton reached 552 according to official reports to Governor Richards. This makes a total of 30,691 for Lawton and 136,315 for El Reno. Three people came too late to register.

HAVE ALL AGREED AT LAST.

Russian and British Ministers Satisfied With Arrangements.

FINAL PROTOCOL IN SIGHT.

Pekin, July 30.—A complete and full agreement has been reached by the representatives of the powers. The Russian government has signified its intention of not further pressing the question at present of the eventual increase of the import customs duties beyond five per cent (the present figures). It is agreed that in case the revenues of China are not sufficient for the payment of interest and principal, the powers are to examine the revenues and determine what changes are necessary in order to supply the deficiency. The imperial maritime customs are to be included in this arrangement. The British minister is satisfied with this arrangement and the whole question of finance measures is therefore settled. The 450,000,000 taels, constituting the indemnity are to be converted into gold at the equivalent of the tael value on the first of last April. In case the import duties are subsequently increased the free list will have to be abolished except for cereals, but it is understood that that compensation will in that case, will be asked for, probably for the financial participation of China in improving the water approaches of Shanghai and Tien Tsin.

All the other principal points of the negotiations are now settled and it is expected that the results will be summarized in the final protocol within two weeks and that all of the powers will become signatories.

In connection with the indemnity payments a question has arisen whether the United States government will take its share of the bonds to be issued by China in American gold or pounds sterling. The disposition of this government is to take the money in the form that will be the least burdensome to the Chinese government and in the interest of uniformity it is probable that the payments will be made in pounds sterling.

Fall Back on School Lands.

El Reno, July 27.—Many of the homeseekers are preparing to lease school land if they are not successful in the drawing. There are hundreds of farmers in Oklahoma who have made good money in leasing school land and this has inspired the prospective settler to try for a lease in case he is not successful in the drawing. There will be opportunities of leasing Indian lands and the settlers will be numerous in the new country outside of those who do not secure homes in the drawing.

Prairie Fires.

Guthrie, O. T., July 26.—A big prairie fire raged all day three miles north of this city, but is under control. Hundreds of acres were burned over with the consequent loss of fences and out-buildings. The continued drought makes the prairie grass a powder magazine and the least spark starts the flames. Much complaint from this source comes from all parts of the territory.

Important Liquor Decision.

Fort Scott, Kan., July 26.—Judge Walter L. Simons, of the district court, rendered a decision of great importance to the people of Kansas. He held that the law of 1887 providing for injunctions in liquor cases, has not been repealed by the Hurrell law of 1901, and that a private citizen can verify the petition, it not being necessary for the county attorney or attorney general to join in the action.

More Gas in Allen County.

Moran, Kas., July 29.—The Moran Gas and Oil Company, which has been prospecting for gas at Moran has opened up a well with a flow of gas estimated at 5,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day with a rock pressure of 320 pounds. Moran is in Allen county. Three years ago two wells were sunk and some gas found in each of these, but not enough however to pay to pipe. Nothing has been done since then to develop the field until this discovery was made.

Caney Loses Its Case.

Topeka, July 30.—The board of railway commissioners decides in the case of the Commercial Club of Caney against the Santa Fe Railway Company. The club asked that the railway company be compelled to give Caney better freight and passenger service. The board found that the Santa Fe does not own the Caney branch but operates it under contract from the Missouri Pacific. The relief asked for by the Caney Commercial club was not granted on that account.

American Author Must Leave.

St. Petersburg, July 29.—A high Russian police officer called upon Geo. Kennan, the American author and lecturer at his hotel Thursday evening, and informed him he must leave the country before 10 o'clock Friday evening. Mr. Kennan was not allowed to leave his room in the interim, but he was courteously treated. This action by the Russian authorities is taken under the law giving the minister of the interior authority to expel undesirable foreigners.

HEAVY LUMBER FIRES.

Space of Twenty Blocks of Lumber, Mills and Residences Swept.

Davenport, Iowa, July 27.—Fire laid waste an area of saw mill and residence property here equal to twenty ordinary city blocks, and caused loss of \$700,000. The flames started in some big piles of kindling wood belonging to the Rock Island Fuel company on the levee. A brisk breeze carried the flames directly across the immense lumber yards which were soon a seething mass of flames. The spread of the fire was so rapid that the workmen barely had time to desert the yard, some losing their coats and dinner pails. The flames pushed their way into the adjoining residence district, closely settled with middle class homes, of an average value of a few thousand dollars each, from which the occupants escaped only with their lives and the clothing on their backs. Over fifty houses were thus burned, some of them tenements, resulting in a hundred families being rendered homeless. The flames spread on the north to the grounds of St. Katherine's hall, a boarding school for young ladies, which was saved.

The Prize Claims.

El Reno, July 30.—J. R. Wood of Weatherford, Okla., is No. 1, in the Lawton land district, and Miss Mattie H. Beals, is second. Miss Beals is employed at the telephone exchange in Wichita.

In the El Reno district S. A. Holcomb of Paul's Valley, took first number, and Leonard Lamb of Augusta, Ok., took second.

There follow in the Lawton district the names and numbers: No. 3, W. S. Laws of Langston, Okla. No. 8, L. A. Stillfield of Dunbar, Okla. No. 10, C. C. Doss, Shawnee, Okla. No. 11, A. Roquemore, Yellville, Okla. No. 12, A. J. Kinder, Cheney, Kas. No. 13, C. S. Tyler, Ponca City, Okla. No. 14, C. B. Wilson, Navajoe, Okla.

In the El Reno district No. 3 is Frank Round, El Reno. No. 4, Calvin Churchwell, Chichasha, I. T. No. 5, Chas. Williams, Norman, Okla. No. 6, Ollie M. Rogers, Cordell, Okla. No. 7, E. C. Primps, Watonga, Okla. No. 8, A. J. Philhar, El Reno. No. 9, John L. Brown, Caldwell. No. 10, J. Schuler, Weatherford.

General Wood Coming Home.

Havana, July 30.—General Wood was taken on board the steamer Morro Castle. He expressed himself as being quite well and wanted to walk aboard the vessel, but the doctors insisted upon his being carried on board on a portable cot. Deep sympathy was shown by Cubans of all classes upon his departure. The Morro castle is due at New York today.

After Big Money.

El Reno, July 20.—Some of the men familiar with the topography of the new country expect to make big money locating successful homesteaders on choice lands. A. H. Cobb, one of the members of the government surveying corps, that ran the lines in the new district, says he will make at least \$10,000 in this way.

Big Fire in Kansas City.

Kansas City, July 25.—The building and stock of the Kansas City Buggy company, at Ninth and Wyoming streets, in this city, are totally destroyed by fire. The loss is \$80,000; fully covered by insurance. The company employed 135 men.

Red Fork Oil is Fine.

Red Fork, I. T., July 26.—Professor De Barr, of the university, has made a test of the Red Fork oil. The fluid tested 95 per cent coal oil. This is about the best that any oil ever tested. Professor DeBarr says the oil is of a very fine quality.

Tornado in North Dakota.

Fargo, N. D., July 30.—A heavy raid and wind storm prevailed over a good part of the state. The greatest damage is reported at Tappen, 125 miles west of Fargo, where it amounted to a tornado. A church, a store and some dwellings and some barns were blown down and the Northern Pacific depot was unroofed.

Wires were down for some hours, and crops in the path of the storm, which was several miles wide, were destroyed.

Five Hundred Reindeer.

Washington, July 30.—Lieutenant Bertholf, who was sent to Siberia to purchase reindeer to use in Alaska, reports that he has purchased 500 deer for 13 roubles each, and has the prospect of securing 100 more with a thousand next summer. He asks for money to charter a steamer at Vladivostok to take the reindeer to Port Clarence. It is hoped that the steamer can reach Port Clarence by the last of August. The price of the deer is about \$6.70 each.

Refused King's Medals.

London, July 29.—During a presentation of medals by King Edward 32 non-commissioned officers refused to attend the ceremony because their pay was in arrears. They have addressed letters to King Edward pointing out that they cannot receive medals while their wives and families are some of them starving. Their claims vary from £63 to £127. Some of them allege that they have had to pawn their earlier medals to procure food for their families.

HAVE NO JURISDICTION.

Act of Congress a Higher Authority Than Treaties.

NO INTEREST IN THE CASE.

El Reno, O. T., July 29.—Arguments of the application of Lone Wolf, and other Indians for an order enjoining the federal government from opening the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservations to settlement, were heard before Judge C. F. Irwin, of the federal supreme court. Judge Irwin announced that he would make his decision known this morning at 9 o'clock. The drawing of homesteads is set to begin at that hour at El Reno. Government officials have already said that the case will not interfere with the opening. J. W. Scothorn, assistant United States attorney, representing the government, argued that the court had no jurisdiction to restrain executive officers of the federal government from proceeding under an act of congress. He argued further that a treaty with the Indians had no more standing than a treaty with a foreign nation, and that the latter could be broken at any time. Any law enacted after the abrogation of the treaty would, he contended, control in any issue that might arise.

The injunction case attracted no attention. There were only a dozen persons in the court room besides the attorney. None of the Indians interested in the injunction suit were present.

Kansas Is Short.

Topeka, July 30.—The appropriations for all purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, aggregate \$2,610,647, and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, \$2,023,567. The legislature also placed a limit of \$2,000,000 a year upon the board's levy which is not enough to cover the appropriations made by the legislature. Of course there are certain fees collected by the various departments of state which revert to the general revenue at the close of the fiscal year, but these will not meet the deficiency. The total amount of fees for the fiscal year just closed approximately \$275,000. It is unlikely in view of the crop shortage that the amount will be larger for the ensuing year.

The aggregate assessed valuation of property, as returned by the various counties was \$344,666,240, but this amount has been raised by the equalization board to \$363,158,045. The levy of 5 1/2 mills upon the total assessed valuation will raise an amount which nearly reaches the \$2,000,000 limit fixed by the legislature.

Revival in Japan.

San Francisco, July 30.—Three women Baptist missionaries have arrived here from Japan and report a great revival there among all denominations in that country. They say the work has been inaugurated and carried on principally by the natives themselves and the wave has spread all over the country. In Tokio alone there have been over 9,000 inquirers. The Japanese government has shown the utmost kindness to foreign religious workers.

Oiling the Right of Way.

Albuquerque, July 24.—The Santa Fe is not only using oil as fuel on its lines west of Albuquerque, but is also using it to sprinkle the tracks with, thereby keeping the dust down and making the trip through Arizona deserts a pleasant one. The cost of sprinkling the track with oil amounts to about \$50 a mile. The Santa Fe has already oiled about 1,500 miles of its roadbed.

Stamp Tax on Large Deeds.

Washington, July 29.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes has decided in the matter of the rate of tax on conveyances of real property that conveyances, where the consideration or value is \$2,500 or less are exempt from tax and that amount is to be deducted from the value of all conveyances where the consideration or value exceeds \$2,500.

Series of Earthquakes.

Salt Lake, Utah, July 30.—A section seventy-five miles wide through the Nevada desert from Deeth, Carlin, experienced a series of heavy earthquake shocks. At Elko, Nev., the shock was unusually severe. The high school building, a big new brick edifice was badly cracked by the violence of the vibrations and other buildings were slightly damaged. The earthquake at this point was preceded and followed by rather remarkable meteorological phenomena, being preceded with oppressive heat and no movement of the air, and followed by violent wind and heavy thunder and rain.

General Rains in Kansas.

Topeka, July 29.—General rains throughout Kansas have caused at least a temporary break in the drought. The rains came too late to be of material benefit to the corn, but will result in replenishing stock water and giving new life to the pastures. The scarcity of water in some of the smaller cities had become a serious problem as there was not enough of it for ordinary drinking purposes. The first rain in Topeka on Friday afternoon lasted for an hour.

COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS

Kansas City.			
CATTLE—Heavy.....	3 73	@	5 85
HOGS—Choice to heavy.....	5 50	@	5 80
WHEAT—No. 2 hard.....	57 1/2	@	63
CORN—No. 2 Mixed.....	57 1/2	@	58
HAY—Choice timothy.....	14 00	@	14 00
Choice prairie.....	10 1/2	@	10 1/2
BUTTER.....	16 1/2	@	19
EGGS.....	7 1/2	@	7 1/2
Chicago.			
WHEAT—No. 2 hard.....	57 1/2	@	67 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	51 1/2	@	52
OATS—No. 2.....	32 1/2	@	33 1/2
St. Louis Live Stock.			
BEEVES.....	3 50	@	5 75
STOCKERS & FEEDERS.....	2 50	@	4 65
SOUTHERN STEERS.....	3 10	@	4 15
Cotton.			
LIVERPOOL.....	4 13-32M		8 1/2
NEW YORK.....	8 1/2		8 1/2
GALVESTON.....	8 1/2		8 1/2
Wichita Grain.			
WHEAT.....	Open	High	Low
July.....	68 1/2	69	67 1/2
Sept.....	68 1/2	69	67 1/2
CORN.....	Open	High	Low
July.....	54 1/2	55	54 1/2
Sept.....	54 1/2	55	54 1/2
OATS.....	Open	High	Low
July.....	33 1/2	34	33 1/2
Sept.....	33 1/2	34	33 1/2
Wichita Live Stock.			
HOGS.....	\$ 15	@	5 45
Chicago Live Stock.			
GOOD TO PRIME.....	5 35	@	5 98
COWS & HEIFERS.....	3 25	@	4 80
STOCKERS & FEEDERS.....	2 25	@	4 20
TEXAS FED BEVES.....	3 00	@	4 20
HOGS.....	5 00	@	5 70

THE LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

The telegraph line to Dawson will be completed on August 1.

The uniform temperature in Mammoth cave is 55 degrees. Think of it.

The congressional delegation to the Philippines arrived at Gibraltar July 23.

There were in Kansas City on July 23, eight deaths from heat and 13 prostrations.

Six deaths and nineteen prostrations from heat occurred in Kansas City on July 24.

Politics in Hawaii now centers on the proposition to annex the islands to California.

The strike of the steel workers has raised the price of the plate from 20 to 30 per cent.

A heavy general rain fell in the Mississippi valley in Minnesota and relieved the heated spell.

The Orient grading gang which has been at work in Emporia is now at work in Chase county.

During a heavy rainstorm at Chillicothe, Mo., several buildings were damaged by lightning.

The heat on Saturday, July 20, beat the record in nearly all the states except on the Pacific coast.

Fruit and produce dealers of Philadelphia receive many orders from sections of the middle west.

A big dry goods store in Sioux City, Iowa, was burned by a fire started by the sun in a show window. There were several people injured.

In the U. S. court at Omaha the city of Beatrice is held for the payment of bonds which were issued in excess of the statutory percentage limit.

The striking machinists and car builders of railroad shops in New Jersey want to return to work in a body but are told that they must apply as individuals.

The appellate division of the New York supreme court declares the law invalid which forbids parties other than authorized agents to buy and sell railroad tickets.

A water spout at Cisco, Texas, washed away ten miles of the Texas Central railroad. An engine went through a bridge and engineer Theo. Beene was killed.

London streets were flooded by rain and hail with incessant lightning. The water entered buildings over sidewalks and the underground railroad trains were stopped by water.

The Chicago and Alton has been unable to secure sufficient water for its engines and much freight has accumulated in its yards.

A Tennessee friend of Pension commissioner Evans says that Evans would be glad to give up his office but will not leave it in the face of the fight being made against him.

Ottawa university is to have a new \$15,000 building to contain a chapel room, four recitation rooms and three society halls. This is in addition to the new college building.

An Egyptian boat, supposed to be 4,500 years old, was dug out of the bottom of the Nile and shipped by express to New York, whence it went by rail to the Carnegie institute at Pittsburgh. It is about 20 feet long.

In St. Louis there was reported 40 deaths and 75 prostrations from heat during the 24 hours ending at 11 p. m. of July 24.

Secretary of State Caleb Powers, of Kentucky, will have a new trial by order of the court of appeals. The trial will probably occur in October.

Riceville, Iowa, has been practically wiped out by fire.

Pettis county, Benton county and the cities of